



Methogram

“The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to glorify God, make disciples, and transform lives in Christ”

The View From Downtown

Dear Friends,

About a month ago, I shared the following quote from one of my sermon illustrations books:

To our forefathers, our faith was an experience.

To our fathers, our faith was an inheritance.

To us, our faith is a convenience.

To our children, our faith is a nuisance.

I don't know about you, but this quote has really bothered me. In fact, I have it written down on a post-it note and attached to my computer screen so that I can see it when I use my computer. What bothers me about the quote is that it speaks the truth and presents a challenge to me and hopefully all who call themselves Christians.

In Matthew 25:14-30 we find “The Parable of the Valuable Coins” in the Common English Bible translation. Jesus is speaking about the Kingdom of Heaven and in verse 23 we find these words, “His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a lit-

tle I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.”

The Faith that you and I claim as our own is often put to the test day after day. Will we demonstrate and share our faith with those who don't know Jesus or those who have heard the good news but have turned away due to various circumstances?

The Faith that we claim is ours to do with as we determine and as the Holy Spirit guides us. If we are to strengthen our Christian presence in Silsbee, then we must act with passion and compassion.

In closing, you may be asking “Preacher, how do we do this?” Well, to begin with, each of us should take whatever opportunities present themselves to pray, study the scriptures, attend worship and Sunday School, and participate in serving in mission projects. And, when in public, practice genuine kindness and look for opportunities to display mercy and love.

For Faith, we must show it, if others want to know it!

Your Fellow Disciple,

Pastor David

Shut-In Thanksgiving Visitation on November 12th

Beginning at 5:30 pm on Sunday, November 12, groups will depart from Cravens Hall with a goodie bag to visit with our church shut-in members. Directions and a list of names will be provided for each group. At 7:00 p.m., homemade chili will be served back in Cravens Hall for all participants.

All Saints/Holy Communion to be celebrated on November 5.

At both services on Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate Holy Communion and remember those who have died and been received by Jesus within the past year by lighting of candles and the ringing of a bell. If you would like to include your loved one on the All Saints list, please contacted our church office no later than Tuesday, October 31. We will remember those who died between November 1, 2016 and November 1, 2017.

In Loving Memory

Frances Patterson

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity
Chancel Choir

Deborah Sanford

Ed and Sonia Cain
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Beulah Lenox

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Jay Hinkie

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Cathy Hall

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Suellen Weaver

Butch and Dee Suitt

Fall Work Day at First UMC on November 11.

First UMC invites all members to come help prepare our properties for the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and finish with lunch provided at 12:00 noon. Items needed to work are gloves, clean rags, disinfectant, tree trimmers, trash bags, and power washers. We will have inside and outside jobs. If it rains, we will try again on November 18th.

Upper Rooms Available Starting October 29th.

The new November-December 2017 Upper Rooms (both small and large print) will be available in our worship services on October 29th. After October 29th, the Upper Rooms can be picked up at the church office.

Worship

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| 10/15 | 144 |
| 10/22 | 129 |

Sunday School

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| 10/15 | 84 |
| 10/22 | 76 |

Gifts

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| 10/15 | \$5,976.15 |
| 10/22 | \$3,991.75 |

October 29 Consecration Sunday

On Sunday, October 29, our church will gather in worship for a time of meaningful commitments.

At the 9:00 a.m. service, Nora Ryan Swango, daughter of Nick and Storm Swango and granddaughter of First UMC members Butch and Lee Ann Sheppard will be dedicated in thankfulness to God for her new life.

At the 11:00 a.m. service, Ty Hoffman, son of First UMC members Bo and Katherena Hoffman, will be baptized.

At both worship services, our “Investing in God– Investing in Ourselves” Stewardship 2018 campaign will conclude with stewardship cards returned on the altar with a time of consecration and prayer. If you forget your card at home, you can mail it in on Monday October 30 or we will have extra cards available in worship.

Operation Christmas Child– Shoebox Blessings to be held on November 11th

On Saturday morning, November 11th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in McDonough Hall, all children and parents are invited to participate in a fun and meaningful children’s service project. We will start the day with breakfast, and then we will stuff shoeboxes with Christmas items for other children who are less fortunate. Lots of laughter will be shared. More information will be available this Sunday, October 29. We will have a display set up in the Narthex before church, with an example of a filled shoebox and some brochures with more detailed information. Please join us for this great day of missions, fellowship, and food!

Important Final Church Council Meeting of 2017 on November 13

All members are invited to attend the Church Council meeting on November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Cravens Hall. In addition to ministry area reports, the main new item will be the decision on whether to enter a Church Consultation process in 2018. Please attend this critical meeting.



Daylight
Savings Time
Ends
on Nov. 5

Ready or not, the yearly Daylight Savings time will end on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m. What this means is if you do not set your clocks back one hour, then you will miss worship. And trust me, you don't want to miss worship!

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